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Examiner: Jessica Baxter		Art Unit: 3731	

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is PTOL-413A, Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/578,391 First Named Applicant: A. Sato
 Examiner: J. Baxter Art Unit: 3731 Status of Application: non-final

Tentative Participants:
 (1) Bradley Ruben (atty of record) (2) Jessica Baxter (examiner)
 (3) SPE (Michael Milano?) (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 29 or 30 Nov. 2004 Proposed Time: 10 (AM/PM) ☒

Type of Interview Requested:
 (1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO
 If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102</u>	<u>1, 15</u>	<u>Rhodes, Buscemi</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>103</u>	<u>1, 15</u>	<u>Lau, Anderson</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Telephonic interview was conducted on 2/17/04 with previous examiner and SPE where understanding of claim language "plate member," "protuberances," and "deformation" was reached to distinguish art; such is not reflected in new Office action with new examiner; no Interview Summary Record, but Response did address substance of interview

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on 02/17/2004

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 Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Bradley N. Ruben

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

 Examiner/SPE Signature

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